

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain pending in this application.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-12, 14-15 and 17-23 have been amended. The amendments to claims 4, 14 and 15 have been made for clarification purposes only, and are not intended to narrow the scope of these claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, claims 1, 4, 5 and 8-23 were rejected for use of the terms small lot; and claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 17-20 were rejected for use of the terms high and low priority. Claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 were not specifically addressed in the office action.

In response to the Examiner's rejection based on the use of the terms "small lot", Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 5, 8-12 and 17-23 to require that the small lot size be less than 13 substrates. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendment clarifies the terms "small lot" size and request the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 4, 5 and 8-23 based on their use of the same.

In response to the Examiner's rejection based on the use of the terms high and low priority, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 5, 8, 9 and 17-20 to clarify that Applicants' claimed high priority substrates each have a priority greater than a priority of any of the low priority

substrates. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 17-20 based on their use of the terms high and low priority.

Applicants believe the claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the same.

A separate Request for One-Month Extension of Time is enclosed herewith, with authorization to charge the requisite extension fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1696. Applicants do not believe any other Request for Extension of Time is required but if it is, please accept this paragraph as a Request for Extension of Time and authorization to charge the requisite extension fee to Deposit Account No. 04-1696. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due regarding this Amendment. However, if any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696.

Respectfully Submitted,



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